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Senate to Probe Congo Fiasco

WASHINGTON, September 17. — An article in the official Soviet periodical New Times shows how perilously close the Communists are to a complete takeover in the Congo.

The document was obtained by Connecticut's Sen. Tom Dodd, who urges an immediate Congressional investigation into the Congolese situation. It shows that Premier Cyrille Adoula is a Soviet tool, controlled by Vice Premier Antoine Gizenga. The latter is a Prague-trained Communist and successor to the late Patrice Lumumba as chief Kremlin operative in the Congo.

At the insistence of Gizenga, Adoula appointed as Minister of the Interior Christophe Gbenye, whose background as a Communist includes training behind the Iron Curtain. As Minister of the Interior in Gizenga's Oriental Province, Gbenye was directly responsible for instigating the terror campaign of murder and rape against white residents. The New Times article discloses further:

1—Adoula has accepted Gizenga's request to appoint General Victor Lundula as Chief of the United Congolese Army, and to fill the position of Minister of Defense and representative to the United Nations with Gizenga followers.

2—Adoula has further agreed to take certain unspecified measures against Col. Joseph Mobutu, a leader of the pro-Western forces. Gizenga now demands removal from the army of "all soldiers and officers who are against the unity of the country."



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IN A TELEGRAM to Adoula, Gizenga ordered an end "to the separatist activity in Kantanga Province, to preserve the territorial unity of the of the republic within the framework of the policy of Patrice Lumumba, our adherence to which we have declared."

Immediately thereafter, Adoula embarked on a new campaign against Katanga leader Moïse Tshombe, the West's most solid ally in all of central Africa. The 600-odd white officers and soldiers who have fought under Tshombe were ordered out of the country.

Prime Minister Adoula then ordered the arrest of Tshombe; Interior Minister Godefroid Munongo; Foreign Minister Evariste Kimba; and Finance Minister Jean Marie Kibwe.

THE IMPORTANCE OF KATANGA — the one Congolese province where law and order has prevailed—cannot be overestimated. It contains 60 percent of the world's cobalt output and 75 percent of its copper supply. Its capital, Elizabethville, has been described by American businessmen as a potential Chicago of central Africa.

On February 22, both the U.S. and the Soviet Union voted within the Security Council to give the UN the right to use force in the Congo if necessary.

The UN now supports the idea of a Federal Congolese State with policy determined by the Congolese parliament. Thanks in part to the murder of nine anti-Communist delegates, the Communists now control that parliament.

Backing Dodd in his demands for a Congressional investigation is Republican Congressman Donald Bruce of Indiana. The 40-year-old Bruce is recognized as one of the lower House's most knowledgeable experts on the Communist threat.

Both Dodd and Bruce predict the Congo will fall into Red hands within a matter of months unless a drastic policy reversal is effected. They feel a Congressional investigation will demonstrate the gravity of the situation.

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